

Wherefore We Claim:

1. A cosmetic composition comprising:

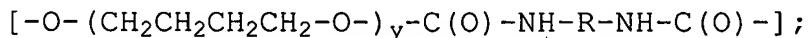
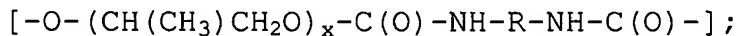
a cellulose-based film forming agent; and

5 a polyurethane resin having a weight average molecular weight from about 20,000 to about 80,000 and a glass transition temperature (t_g) of about -4°C to about -40°C.

10 2. The composition of claim 1, wherein said cellulose-based film forming agent is nitrocellulose.

15 3. The composition of claim 1, wherein said cellulose-based film forming agent is present in an amount from about 5 wt% to about 15 wt% of the total weight of the composition.

4. The composition of claim 1, wherein said polyurethane resin is selected from the group consisting of the general structures:



and combinations thereof, wherein R is an nonaromatic moiety, x is an integer of from 5 to 50, and y is an integer of from 5 to about 40.

25 5. The composition of claim 4, wherein R is an aliphatic moiety.

6. The composition of claim 5, wherein a glass transition temperature (t_g) of about -4°C to about -20°C.

7. The composition of claim 1, wherein said polyurethane resin is present in an amount from about 2 wt% to about 15 wt% of the total weight of the composition.

5 8. The composition of claim 1, further comprising a arylsulfonamide epoxy resin.

9. The composition of claim 8, wherein said arylsulfonamide epoxy resin is tosylamide epoxy resin.

10 10. The composition of claim 8, wherein said arylsulfonamide epoxy resin present in an amount about 1 wt% to about 15 wt% of the total weight of the composition.

15 11. The composition of claim 1, further comprising a solvent in an amount from about 45 wt% to about 95 wt% of the total weight of the composition.

12. The composition of claim 1, further comprising one or
20 more of: a plasticizer, a stabilizing agent, or a pigment.

13. The composition of claim 12, wherein the composition contains a plasticizer in an amount about 1 wt% to about 9 wt% of the total weight of the composition.

25 14. A nonaqueous cosmetic composition comprising:
a cellulose-based film forming agent present in an amount from about 5 wt% to about 15% by weight of the total weight of the composition; and

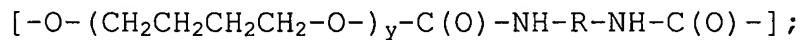
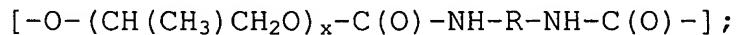
30 a polyurethane resin having a weight average molecular weight from about 20,000 to about 80,000 and present in an

amount from about 2 wt% to about 15 wt% by weight of the total weight of the composition.

15. The composition of claim 14, wherein said cellulose-based film forming agent is nitrocellulose.

16. The composition of claim 14, wherein said polyurethane resin has a t_g of about -4°C to about -40°C.

10 17. The composition of claim 14, wherein said polyurethane resin is selected from the group consisting of the general structures:



and combinations thereof, wherein R is a non-aromatic moiety, x is an integer of from 5 to 50, and y is an integer of from 5 to about 40.

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18. The composition of claim 17, wherein R is an aliphatic moiety.

19. The composition of claim 18, wherein x is 20 and wherein y is 10.

25 20. The composition of claim 18, wherein the polyurethane resin has a glass transition temperature (t_g) of about -4°C to about -20°C.

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21. The composition of claim 14, further comprising an arylsulfonamide epoxy resin in an amount about 1 wt% to about 15 wt% of the total weight of the composition.

5 22. The composition of claim 16, wherein said arylsulfonamide epoxy resin is tosylamide epoxy resin.

10 23. The composition of claim 17, further comprising a plasticizer present in an amount about 1 wt% to about 9 wt% of the total weight of the composition.

15 24. A nonaqueous nail polish composition comprising:
 a solvent in an amount about 45 wt% to about 95 wt%;
 a primary film former in an amount about 5 wt% to about
 15 wt%;

 an aliphatic polyurethane resin having a weight average molecular weight from about 20,000 to about 80,000 present in an amount from about 2 wt% to about 15 wt%;

20 a plasticizer in an amount from about 1 wt% to about 9 wt%;
 a stabilizing agent in an amount from about 0.1 wt% to about 3 wt%; and

 a pigment in an amount from about 0.01 wt% to about 10 wt% of the total weight of the composition.

25 25. The composition of claim 24 wherein the solvent is a mixture of about 20 wt% to about 40 wt% butyl acetate and about 20 wt% to about 40 wt% ethyl acetate; wherein the primary film former is nitrocellulose; wherein the plasticizer is toluene sulfonamide; and wherein the stabilizing agent is stearlkonium
30 bentonite and stearlkonium hectorite.

26. The composition of claim 25 further comprising about 1 wt% to about 15 wt% tosylamide epoxy resin.

27. A method of imparting an improved flexible, durable
5 and/or transfer resistant cosmetic coating to human nails comprising applying to the nails the composition of claim 1.

28. A method of imparting an improved flexible, durable and/or transfer resistant cosmetic coating to human nails
10 comprising applying to the nails the composition of claim 14.